



County of San Diego Planning & Development Services

October eBLAST

In the Headlines

- The Board of Supervisors approved the tiered equine ordinance on September 13th. See the story at the [County News Center](#).
- The [Ramona Sentinel](#) covered the Board's approval of the tiered equine ordinance.
- The Board of Supervisors voted unanimously September 25th to take the first step toward developing a comprehensive renewable energy plan for the unincorporated county. See the story at the [County News Center](#).

Customers can now schedule their building inspections online!

Planning & Development Services (PDS) customers with active building permits may now request construction inspections online through the County's [Citizen Access Service](#). Similar to requests made by phone or in the PDS offices, online requests will enable scheduling of inspections for the next business day when each of the following criteria is met:



- Permit is active and associated record ID is entered
- Inspection request is submitted before midnight
- Project site is located in an area of the county where inspections are available each business day (otherwise the inspection will be scheduled for the next available inspection day)
- No flags or unpaid fees are associated with the project

Customers may also use the online service to reschedule or cancel inspections and view the inspection history for the applicable record ID. Another convenient feature - on the morning of a scheduled inspection, customers may access the service to learn the building inspector's estimated arrival time at the site. An [online help guide](#) is available to assist customers becoming familiar with the service.

Forest Conservation Initiative Lands General Plan Amendment, GPA 12-004

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Important Dates

Voters approved the Forest Conservation Initiative (FCI) in 1993 which required approximately 72,000 acres of private property within the Cleveland National Forest in San Diego County to have a minimum lot size of 40 acres. The FCI expired at the end of 2010 and these private properties were not included in the 2011 General Plan Update. The Board of Supervisors directed PDS to



prepare a General Plan Amendment (GPA) for these properties with designations based on the General Plan Update planning principles. This FCI Lands GPA proposes revisions to the land use map and associated zoning, land use and mobility elements; and the Alpine, Central Mountain, Jamul/Dulzura, and North Mountain Community and Subregional Plans. The proposed FCI Lands GPA will be presented to the Planning Commission on Oct. 18th for a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. For more information please [visit our website](#) or if you have questions please contact Joe Farace at (858) 694-3690 or Joseph.Farace@sdcounty.ca.gov

Happy Birthday PDS!

PDS turned 1 year old in September and we all took some time to celebrate with cake and ice cream! A year ago PDS was created so that the land use processes could all be consolidated into one department with a goal of improving efficiencies and customer service. We have a new approach to doing business! Staff are very proud of our accomplishments and the changes we have made, with more to come!



Mark Wardlaw, Director Darren Gretler, AD Clay Westling, DD

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Did you know?

Dictionary Hill is located in Spring Valley and got its name because in the early 1900s potential buyers' were offered a set of encyclopedias and a dictionary for each lot purchased.

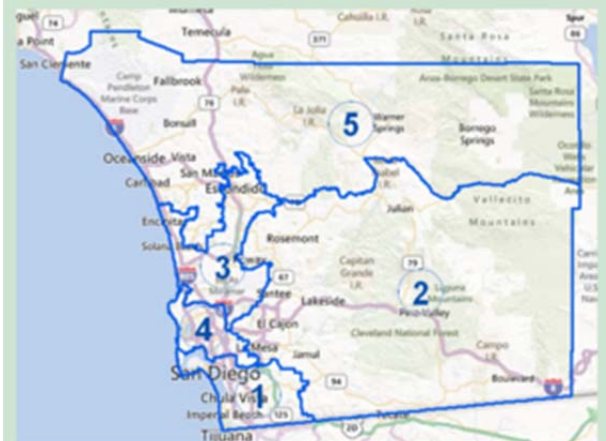
Online Services

[Citizen Access Portal](#)

Research property information and permits. Apply for some permits online.

[GIS Maps](#)

Determine the zoning and characteristics of properties with our web-based mapping tool.





PDS staff attends one year birthday of Department

Code Compliance Serving the Community



The Code Compliance Division received a complaint from neighbors about a burned out house and large amounts of fire debris. The situation was difficult because the owner was a victim of a fire that made her home unsafe to live in.

Staff contacted the insurance company to make sure the property owner was placed in temporary housing and gave her time to remove all the debris. Now the home is being rebuilt! In the end, Code Compliance was able to help everyone involved by balancing the needs of a fire victim with those of her neighbors.



On the move!



Congratulations to Matt Schneider on his promotion to Land Use/Environmental Planning Manager in Advance Planning. Matt has been working as a Planner III in our department for the last five years. He has successfully managed several complex projects, including the Tiered Winery Ordinance, the Wind Energy Ordinance Amendment, and the Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easement (PACE) Program. Matt also served as the Redevelopment Coordinator for USDRIP, one of the County's two designated redevelopment

areas. In 2012, he was appointed to the oversight board that oversees the County's Redevelopment Successor Agency, where he currently serves as chairman.

Welcome to the PDS Family!

Dennis Howe has joined the Building Division as a Civil Engineer. He earned his Master's degree from Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, is a California-licensed Civil Engineer, and comes to us with nine years of structural engineering experience. Dennis' knowledge and experience will make him a valued asset to the PDS team and its customers.



John Fedak returns to the PDS team as a Civil Engineer after leaving County service in 2005. For the past year, he has worked for the Building Division as a contract employee performing plan reviews and manning the public counter. John holds a Bachelor's degree in Structural Engineering from UCSD, is a California-registered Civil and Structural Engineer, and has extensive experience in building design and engineering. John is an excellent resource and provides outstanding customer service. We are happy to welcome him back.

Conor McGee may look familiar to some as he is joining PDS after having worked on the other side of the counter for the past four years as a Project Manager for a local consulting firm. Conor holds two Bachelor's degrees; one in Geology and another in International Environmental Policy. His experience with environmental documentation review and processing of federal and state permits will enable him to provide excellent customer service and make him an outstanding addition to our PDS Team.



Serge Yagodin joins PDS with more than 10 years of civil and structural engineering experience. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. Having owned a consulting firm where he prepared and checked civil and structural engineering reports, cost estimates, designs, analysis, calculations, plans, and specifications make him a valuable asset to PDS.

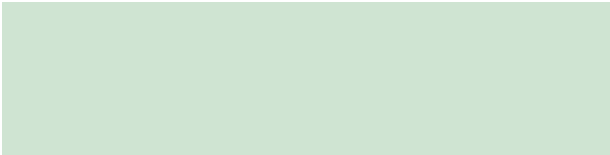
Staff Spotlight – Chris Heidenreich

Chris worked as a finishing carpenter building cabinets for 18 years before joining the County. In 2006 he was hired as a building inspector with the old Department of Planning and Land Use Building Division. In 2008 Chris became a Code Compliance Officer where he has worked for the past 4 ½ years investigating building and zoning complaints and helping customers correct their violations. His field area includes



Pauma Valley, Palomar Mountain, Julian, Ramona, Borrego Springs, Warner Springs and all of the area east to Imperial County and north to Riverside County. Recently, Chris was also assigned to operate the Code Compliance Storefront Office at the Ramona Sheriff's Substation located at 1424 Montecito Road. He is there on Monday and Thursday mornings from 8 – 12 to assist and answer questions for area residents. Chris is always willing to go the extra

mile to help someone and is excited about working at the Ramona storefront. For fun Chris enjoys hiking with his wife and 2-year-old Rottweiler, Zeus and also likes to do indoor target shooting. Most of all Chris loves to bake - especially cakes and pies, but his specialty is chocolate éclairs with butter cream filling. His pastries aren't calorie-free but they are delicious!



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